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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDIZED INFORMED AUTOPSY
CONSENT."**

1 Strike out subsection (b) in its entirety and substitute the following
2 in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) Any person authorized to consent to an autopsy under
4 subsection (a) of this section may [require that if an autopsy is
5 performed it be performed by, or attended by, a physician who is not
6 affiliated with the institution where the deceased person died. The
7 physician seeking consent to an autopsy shall inform the person
8 authorized to give consent of the right to request performance or
9 attendance by a nonaffiliated physician. Such information shall be
10 given orally and shall be included in any written consent form] make
11 arrangements for an autopsy to be performed at any institution that
12 routinely performs autopsies by any physician who is qualified to
13 perform autopsies at such institution. The person requesting the
14 autopsy shall be responsible for arranging for the autopsy and any

15 necessary associated services and for the payment of any costs
16 incurred, including, but not limited to, the cost of providing
17 information to such person under this subsection in a language
18 understood by such person. Information concerning the rights and
19 responsibilities under this subsection shall be contained in the
20 institution's patient bill of rights and shall be included in all written
21 material that describes the institution's autopsy policy. A copy of the
22 institution's patient bill of rights containing such information shall be
23 given to the person who assumes custody of the body of the deceased
24 person prior to the signing of an autopsy consent form by the person
25 who assumes such custody. The institution shall provide such
26 information in writing in a language understood by the person
27 requesting the autopsy."